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CALENDAR



Mon., May 25 — Reception, Robert S. Elegant, Southeast Asian Correspondent for Newsweek. Cocktails, 6:15 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

Elegant will discuss his latest book, *The Dragon's Seed*, a study of the influence of Peking and the overseas Chinese, to be published next month. Reservations, please.

Tues., May 26 — Regional Dinner: Wuerzburger Beer Festival. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. (See story, page 3.)

Wed., May 27 — Press Reception, King Baudouin of Belgium, 6:30 p.m. Members only.

Thurs., May 28 — Media Night: Hearst Enterprises. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. (See story, page 3.)

Wed., June 10 — Outing to Bear Mountain. Boat Trip, Picnic, Outdoor Recreation. (See story, page 5.)

Sat.-Sun., June 20-21 — Rose Festival, Newark, New York. (See story, page 2.)

Bell to Africa

James Bell, for more than two years *Time-Life* bureau chief in Hongkong, has been named bureau chief for Africa in recent changes in Time Inc. foreign staffs.

Bell, in the new post, will be responsible for coverage of all of Africa except the North Africa area which is taken care of by the Time Inc. bureau in Rabat. Bell's new headquarters have not yet been decided.

In other changes, Curt Prendergast, chief of Johannesburg bureau for two years, will go to Paris as deputy bureau chief.

Harvey Rosenhouse has been named chief of the Mexico City bureau replacing Dick Oulahan. Oulahan has returned to New York and is on the *Time* editorial staff following three years as chief of the Mexico City bureau.

Stan Karnow, at present in Rabat, replaces Bell as chief of the Hongkong bureau.

Bell joined the *Time-Life* Chicago bureau in 1942; has served in Washington covering the White House; in the

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NEWSMEN OUTNUMBER DELEGATION STAFFMEN; FIRST WEEK CONFUSING, COMPETITIVE - GENEVA

by Bernard S. Redmont
Overseas Press Bulletin Correspondent

Geneva — More than 1,200 newsmen of all nations — at least two for every one delegation staffman — have deployed themselves all over Geneva for the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference.

Coverage during the first confusing week was a tough and competitive assignment for the 150 Americans accredited to the U.S., and facilities left a

great deal to be desired, despite the herculean efforts at hospitality by the Swiss and UN authorities.

The general public is largely unaware that the foreign ministers meet in secret — with no press attending. The press is sealed off from the actual Palais des Nations sessions — about a mile away at the spacious and fully-equipped Maison de la Presse (Press Center).

About half an hour after each session, briefing officers for six nations give simultaneous briefings — making necessary a small army of correspondents to cover all. This mad scramble is complicated by the fact that speech texts and documents are often issued at exactly the same time, instead of during lulls.

Correspondents also have to spread out all around Geneva to cover the villas of the ministers, delegation offices and the Palais itself.

Reporters and photographers were carefully "frisked" for guns by the nonsense security men, even for the privilege of standing outside the Palais.

Despite all the secrecy and clamm-ing up, leaks were frequent, though off-the-top-of-the-head dope stories based on rumor were even more frequent.

The worst confusion of opening week was for radio correspondents. The precise and exact Swiss radio engineers were tearing their hair out in chaotic impotence as sunspots and unidentified gremlins wiped out long-ordered circuits, delayed others, and frequently had one network broadcasting into a rival's circuit.

In some cases, the Swiss telegraph authorities routed Geneva-New York press traffic via Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires to get around the atmospheric disturbances.

The official list of American newsmen as of the first week, in addition to those reported previously in *The Overseas Press Bulletin*, included:

AP (total of nine); Dorian Falk, and a total of eight photo men.

UPI (total of eleven); Karol C.
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Rex Smith Dies

OPC founder-member Rex Smith died May 17 in New York of cancer. He was 58 years old.

Smith, who was honored at an OPC evening on Nov. 19, 1957, retired as vice president, Public Relations, of American Airlines last June after thirteen years. He continued to serve as consultant to the airline and lived in La Jolla, Calif.



REX SMITH

Smith's newspaper career included service as the first editor of the *Chicago Sun* (1941), managing editor, foreign editor and assistant to the president of *Newsweek* magazine in New York (1935-41), and a correspondent in Europe for AP.

Smith also was with the *Detroit Times*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the Paris edition of the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*.

He was AP chief of bureau in Madrid for four years (1931-35) and was author of *Biography of the Bulls*.

During World War II he was with the Army Air Corps, serving as colonel in charge of public relations policy and plans for the Air Staff, 20th Air Force in the Orient, and handled public relations for the Unification of the Armed Forces.

A memorial service was held in the OPC Memorial Library on Thursday.

PEOPLE & PLACES

Watson Sims, AP bureau chief in New Delhi, on home leave; will speak to the June 3 meeting of New Jersey AP on the Dalai Lama's flight from Tibet... *Malcolm McTear Davis*, editor of *Travel*, off to Far East preparing an all-Pacific December issue... *John D. Montgomery*, publisher of *Brazil Herald* (Rio de Janeiro) and *Junction City* (Kan.) *Daily Union*, back from South America trip. Highlight: interview with Paraguay's President Stroessner... *Eugene J. Taylor*, N.Y. *Times*-man, addressed rehabilitation conference in San Juan, May 20-23.

Barrett & Timmie Gallagher doing photographic essay on aircraft carrier Independence in Guantanamo, Cuba... *Jo Paquin's* crossword puzzles in *American Girl* magazine... *Sterling W. Fisher*, *Reader's Digest*, will be info. chief at national conference of UNESCO, Denver, Sept. 29-Oct. 2... *Mary Kersey Harvey* now executive assistant editor of *Saturday Review*... *Richard Greenough*, PR director of UNICEF, off on working tour of UNICEF programs in Middle East.

John B. Danby, *Redbook's* executive editor, received commendation for work as head of magazine committee of President's Committee for Employment of Physically Handicapped... *Vision's Igor Gordevitch* and *Hernane Tavares* off to Europe on working tour; *Jorge Losada* off on Latin American swing... *Pugh Moore* joined news service staff of Ass'n. of American RR. He was AP staffer in London and Low Countries... *Michael Bessie* of *Athenaeum* off to publishers' congress in Vienna... *Phil Wasserman* new publicity director at Reach, McClinton ad agency.

William H. Hessler, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, explores national security role of U.S. overseas airlines in May issue of *Proceedings* of U.S. Naval Institute (Annapolis)... *Poppy Cannon* back from Alaska... *Howard L. Kany*, CBS business relations, back from Stockholm meeting of European Broadcasting Union... *Rhoda Pritzker* talking family life education over Chicago Chanel 11, Tuesday nights through May... *Dun & Bradstreet* has acquired *International Trade Review*, edited by *Peter F. Greene*... *Bob Eckhouse* has article in *Public Relations Journal*.

Donald C. Bolles now assistant to chairman of N.Y. City Housing Authority... *Bob Fitz Gibbon* of Caltex off to Europe... *William A. Ulman* opened Washington PR firm... *Fred Vaz Dias* off to Holland... *Gene Boyo* of Olin Mathieson named president of the New York chapter of American PR Ass'n... *Joe Rosapepe* of Burson-Marsteller elected president of Industrial Publicity Ass'n... *James A. Schultz* of L.I.R.R. elected president of Long Island PR Ass'n.



OVERSEAS TICKER



BUENOS AIRES

The press corps here is gathering its collective breath after covering the whirlwind visits of two top, but starkly distinct, personalities: one, Cuba's fiery Premier Fidel Castro, and the other, soft-crooning Nat "King" Cole.

Castro sparked unexpected excitement for the somber gathering of the "Committee of the Twenty-one," a group of diplomats from the American republics who are seeking a better standard of living for the Latin lands. The sedate conference was rocked when Castro, in a surprise move, cut short his U.S.-Canadian tour and flew down to Buenos Aires. He delivered an impassioned appeal before the Committee of the Twenty-one for \$30,000,000,000 in U.S. aid over the next ten years, getting headlines throughout the continent.

The press on hand included Bill Horsey, Dave Belnap, Jim Whelan, UPI; Brian Bell, Roman Jimenez, Diego Gonzalez, Jose Orlando, your correspondent, AP; Herb Clark, N.Y. *Daily News* and *Newsweek*; Piero Saporiti, Isaac Levi, *Time-Life*; Sep Strobl, McGraw-Hill; Juan de Onis, Buenos Aires correspondent, N.Y. *Times*; Tad Szulc, N.Y. *Times'* Rio office who took a quick look at the conference enroute to assignments in Santiago and Panama; and Robert Lindley, NBC.

On the lighter side, singer Nat "King" Cole also attracted cheering crowds wherever he went. Cole didn't get many headlines, but he won a lot of Latin friends as he crooned in Spanish, donned a *gaucho* blanket and sipped *mate*, the traditional native tea. Cole's performances were captured on film for NBC-TV by Lindley and for AF photos by Sue Bell.

Barry Bishop, former staffer on the *Dallas Morning News* and now director of USIS for Argentina, swapped tall

Texas tales with Conway Craig, publisher of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, who breezed through Buenos Aires on a Latin American tour.

Sam Summerlin

ROSE FESTIVAL TRIP SET

A red-carpet OPC junket to the June Rose Festival at Newark, New York, on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, has been arranged by the External Activities Committee, according to Joseph C. Peters, chairman.

The group will leave from the OPC by bus at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and be back in New York about 8:00 p.m. Sunday. The cost for the weekend is \$18.00 per person, plus snacks during the trips up and back.

Early reservations at the OPC are requested. Because of limited accommodations, members are permitted one guest.

RESERVE ARMY OFFICERS!

Attention Reserve Army officers with a civilian background in news, radio, TV or public relations: a public information unit of the U.S. Army Reserve is being formed by Colonel John J. Kelly, Chief, Information Section, Headquarters 1st U.S. Army, Governors Island.

The unit, under the command of Ted Deglin, Colonel, U.S.A.R., president of Ted Deglin & Assoc., PR firm, has twenty-four evening meetings a year. Its major function will be to advise on and execute special projects for the Dept. of the Army and 1st U.S. Army.

Active reservists interested in a PR assignment should mail resumes with both civilian and Army experience to Col. Kelly on Governors Island.

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Fund Grants Second Highest Total Ever

Grants to individuals during the 1958-59 fiscal year, made by the Correspondents Fund of the OPC, totalled the second largest amount in the Fund's history, President *John M. Barkham* announced at the Fund's annual meeting on May 13.

The amount was larger than the total of grants made during the first ten years of the Fund's operation.

Officers and trustees reelected for the 1959-60 year are as follows: President, *John M. Barkham*; Vice Presidents, *Richard de Rochemont*, *Clyde E. Brown*, *Bruno Shaw*; Treasurer, *Joseph J. Wurzel*; Assistant Treasurer, *Egbert White*; Secretary, *Dickson Hartwell*; Assistant Secretary, *Emanuel Freedman*; Directors and Trustees, *Edward W. Barrett*; *John Daly*, *Ralph J. Frantz*, *William P. Gray*, *Sanford Griffith*, *Patricia L. Hartwell*, *Mary Hornaday*, *Thomas M. Johnson*, *Lucian S. Kirtland*, *Louis P. Lochner*, *A. Wilfred May*, *John T. McGovern*, *Inez Robb* and *Walter Rundle*.

New trustees elected were: *Oliver Gramling*, assistant general manager, AP; *Miss B. Mathieu*, *New Yorker* magazine; and *Lawrence LeSueur*, CBS.

BIERABEND LAST DINNER OF 1958-59 SEASON

The last in the fifth season of OPC Regional Dinners will be a Wuerzburger Beer Festival on Tuesday, May 26.

Despite the accent on Wuerzburg, which produces wine in addition to the famous brew, other adjacent regions of West Germany will be included on the menu. Appropriate to the month, a May Wine bowl, on the fourth floor, will be the focus at cocktail time, accompanied by German cheeses and *wuerstel* from Schaller and Weber.

According to *Bella Fromm Welles*, coordinator for the evening, the menu for the *Bierabend* will be built around *Kassler Rippchen* and finished with *Luchow's* cheese cake and German brandies and liqueurs.

Volkslieder, sung by *Ilse Agathe Holzer*, will be the main entertainment.

Reservations, please.

L.B. WHITE DEAD

Llewellyn Brooke White died of coronary thrombosis on May 14 in New York. He was 59 years old.

White had served with the State Dept., UNESCO and OWI. Among the publications with which he was associated during his career as editor and reporter were *The Reporter*, *Literary Digest*, *Newsweek*, *Chicago Sun*, *Chicago American*, *Kansas City Kansan*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Kansas City Journal*, and the Paris edition of the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*. He also was with UP and AP.



OPC Vice President *John Luter*; Brazilian Ambassador to the UN *Cyro de Freitas Valle*; *Maury Vallente*, press officer of the Brazilian Embassy in Washington representing the Ambassador to the U.S.; Consul General in New York *Dona Dora Vasconcellos*; and *John MacVane* at Club's Brazil Night on May 12.

OPC Honors Brazil

Brazilian foods, beverages, entertainment, products, decor — and Brazilians themselves — were all in evidence at the OPC May 12. The occasion was the OPC Regional Dinner Committee's Brazil Night.

Cyro de Freitas Valle, Ambassador to the UN, and *Dona Dora Vasconcellos*, consul general in New York, were among the guests of honor.

The main door prize, a trip for two to Rio de Janeiro via Varig Airlines awarded by the Brazilian Consulate General, was won by *Tony Chapelle*, free-lance photographer. *William R. Mizelle*, PR director of State Insurance Dep't., won the second prize, a gold brooch set with Brazilian semi-precious stones, from *Michael Krymchantowski*, Rio.

Regional Dinners Committee Chairman *Lawrence G. Blochman* was emcee of the evening. *Florence K. Jones* and *Lillian Genn* coordinated arrangements.

Organizations which cooperated in arranging the dinner were the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, Brazilian Nut Ass'n., Brazilian Coffee Institute, Braniff Int'l. Airways; Moore-McCormack Lines and Pan American Airways.

McKNIGHT TO WASHINGTON

John P. McKnight, former APer who for the last two years was counsellor for public affairs, U.S. Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, is now in Washington as USIA assistant director in charge of Latin America.

Ruth Lloyd's profile on Batista appeared in *American Weekly*; a signed article she obtained from Cuban Premier Fidel Castro appears tomorrow (May 24) in *This Week* magazine.

Hearst Night May 28

Hearst enterprises will be honored at an OPC Media Night on May 28.

Master of ceremonies for the dinner will be OPC Past President *Bob Considine*, columnist and reporter for the Hearst Headline Service and UPI.

Hearst executives invited include *William Randolph Hearst, Jr.*, editor-in-chief of Hearst Newspapers; *J. Kingsbury Smith*, publisher of the *N.Y. Journal-American*; *Frank Conniff*, national editor of Hearst Newspapers; *Richard E. Berlin*, president of Hearst Corp., and *J.D. Gortatowsky*, chairman of the Board of Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc. and Hearst Publishing Co., Inc.

Other Guests

Also invited were *Frank C. McLearn*, general manager of King Features; *Milton Kaplan*, editor of Hearst Headline Service; *Robert Reid*, general sales manager of distributors, Telenews; *Charles McCabe*, publisher of the *N.Y. Mirror*; *Charles L. Gould*, assistant publisher of the *N.Y. Journal-American*; and *Thor Smith*, vice president in charge of publisher's services, *American Weekly*, among others.

The Hearst organizations owns seventeen newspapers with an estimated circulation of 12,000,000, the world's largest feature syndicate, eleven national magazines, a wire service and radio and television stations.

INS Newsman Honored

Karl von Wiegand, for many years an INS chief foreign correspondent, now 85 years old and retired in Cairo, Egypt, will be given an OPC gold life membership card. *H.V. Kaltenborn* will accept the card on his behalf.

OPC President *John Wilhelm* will preside at the third in a series of Media Nights. The first in the series, inaugurated last year, honored the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*; the second, *The Reporter* magazine on its tenth anniversary.

Reservations may be made at the OPC. The reception is at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE

The OPC dining room and bar will be open on both Friday, May 29 and Monday, June 1 for the convenience of members. There will be a limited menu and small staff each day.

The Club office will be closed on Friday. On Saturday, May 30, the bar will be open and buffet served, as usual.

House Operations Committee

'HIGH DRAMA, LOW FRENZY' PROVIDE BAIT IN MIDDLE EAST

by Charles P. Arnot

Cairo

There was the mumbling Jordanian censor who finally admitted all his do-it-yourself English came from reading press cables. He spoke only basic cablese, like this: "You come ex-Cairo? You go Beirut-ward?"

Then there was the Cairo correspondent who waited more than an hour before his radio script was returned—uncensored. The flustered censor confessed he had been unable to find the word "exuberant" in his pocket dictionary, thought it some new form of cablese.

It's brutal on the nerves and hell on the liver. But the Arabian Nightmare always seems to produce enough high drama and low frenzy to keep most Middle East newsmen from bolting to the temperate zone.

If the brawling Arabs ever weary of their own riots, coups, plots and rebellions, the old Israeli-Arab hate show is always ready to go on the road.

Censorship

The foreign correspondents struggle in their own painful briar patch—censorship. For day-to-day torture and anguish, neither the heat nor the diarrhea can match it.

The real old pros who have suffered in both places claim the Middle East's blue-pencil platoons are tougher than Moscow's. At his whimsical worst, dour Ivan could hardly be more unpredictable than suspicious Omar.

One British correspondent is still wagging his head in disbelief over his latest losing bout with the chief censor in a certain Middle East capital.*

(*Name of capital deleted at request of correspondent who may be unfortunate enough to get a return visa. After awhile, we all become apprentice censors out here.)

An urgent home-office cable requesting confirmation of reported top-drawer political arrests arrived in the midst of a tight news blackout. The correspondent dutifully whacked out a service message so informing his editors. Minutes later came a frantic summons from the chief censor.

"You know we cannot let such a message through," stormed the censor. "It says we have censorship here, and that is not true."

There was also that memorable night in Amman when forty foreign correspondents found themselves completely muzzled on the latest Jordanian crisis. Service messages, urgent appeals for expense money—nothing was getting out.

The angry newsmen convened an emergency war council, agreed on a drastic showdown. First, find the chief

censor, then storm his bastion.

It was midnight when the shouting posse found him, undressed and ready for bed. He just "might" be able to approve some copy, the censor conceded weakly. But didn't the storm troopers have some whiskey to quiet his shattered nerves? A dash to hotel rooms produced three bottles.

After nearly an hour, the first dispatches emerged—all heavily blue-penciled. Another half-hour produced a few more. Then—ah-ha, once again whiskey was proving the correspondent's best friend.

More copy—this time only a few cuts. Suddenly the upstairs window opened and out floated copy by the fistful—all cleared and un mutilated. That night even the slowest-footed newsmen retrieved cables in miraculous open-field running catches that would put the great Willia Mays to shame.

Mysterious Door

For some years, all protests by foreign newsmen in Cairo brought straight-faced official denials of any censorship. Yet each day all radio newsmen were required to pass their scripts (at least one-half hour in advance) through that mysterious unmarked door in the cable office for the official stamp of approval—or disapproval.

At long last, such flimsy pretense must have struck even Egyptian officialdom as somewhat nonsensical. It was thus decreed that censorship would be confined to (a) military information, since the Arabs claim they still are formally at war with Israel, and (b) information affecting state security.

But the censorship curtain soon dropped during an Afro-Asian Youth Congress in Cairo. Japanese, Indonesian and Filipino delegates protested the Soviet delegates posing as "Asians." Pro-Soviet delegates protested the protests. The foreign newsmen protested the blackout.

Eventually, the censorship was lifted, and a high Egyptian official insisted the blackout was all a sad mistake. Since then Cairo censorship has been unpredictable, even capricious—but never a match for the copy slashers in Iraq.

At this writing, six Western newsmen have been thrown out of Baghdad. Foreign correspondents still in Iraq are restricted almost entirely to official statements. Any mention of that word "Communist" is taboo.

Not only must radio newsmen get prior approval of all copy from a glib Communist-lining Army Major, Salim al-Fakhri. They must await Fakhri's pleasure to accompany them to the radio station where he sits before the microphone (wearing a .38) to be sure no ad-

lib slurs are cast on Premier Abdel Kerim Kassem's Red-infested regime.

Except for Cyprus (where all censors are unemployed), Lebanon today operates one of the Middle East's most liberal censorships. But it was not always so.

During the five-month rebellion, the Lebanese clamped a flat ban on any mention of the Lebanese Army or the name of its commander, Maj. Gen. Fouad Chehab, now Mr. President. Even a U.S. military communique denying that an American serviceman was killed by the "Lebanese Army" got the censor's ax.

In Turkey, correspondents find an ordinary press cable clears faster than an "urgent." Explanation: Turkish officials are suspicious of all urgent cables, refer them to the "highest level" before passing.

One of the correspondent's toughest jobs is to convince Middle East officials that he is not a government official or, worse, a spy. There is widespread misconception throughout this suspicious area of U.S. private ownership and operation of wire services, radio-TV networks and newspapers. Nearly all information outlets across the Middle East are either government owned or officially controlled.

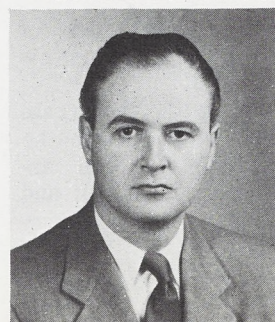
There's also the travel headache. It takes a resident American correspondent an average of four days to leave Cairo. First he must obtain a letter of permission from the Information Administration, then an exit visa and, usually, a re-entry visa (plus a visa for the country of intended destination). For a British correspondent, this laborious process may take up to ten days.

These are the kind of overlapping frustrations that drive some foreign correspondents—but not many—away from the disorganized Middle East in search of the nirvana of Foreign Office news conferences and daily briefings.

One such victim, so the story goes, blew his final fez one day when his home office cabled for reaction of the "Arab man-in-the-street" to a complicated political crisis.

His farewell cable read: "Man in street stopped scratching for five minutes."

Charles P. Arnot is now in his fourth



ARNOT

year on overseas assignment.

year covering the Middle East, first for the late INS and now for ABC. During World War II he was correspondent for UP in the Pacific and European theaters. A newsmen for twenty-four years, he is now in his twelfth

Day at Bear Mountain Scheduled for June 10

An all-day OPC outing to Bear Mountain — part of the 350th anniversary celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River — is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10.

The Hudson River Day Line has set aside a private parlor on the boat for the use of the OPC group. Bar service, dancing and other entertainment will be available during both trips. A picnic lunch will be served at Bear Mountain. Recreational activities will be available at small additional cost to those who desire: swimming, softball, shuffleboard, etc.

Guests Unlimited

The price for the day is \$4.00, excluding drinks. Members are not limited in the number of their guests. Paid reservations must be made at the Club not later than Friday, June 5.

The boat will leave at 10:00 a.m. from the foot of 41st Street, arriving at Bear Mountain at 12:45 p.m. It will return from Bear Mountain at 5:00 p.m., arriving in New York at 7:45 p.m.

The arrangements were made by Stella Margold for the External Activities Committee.

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GENEVA

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Thaler, plus photographers, cameramen and technicians totalling thirty-five. President Frank Bartholomew and Vice President Thomas Curran also stopped in for a few days.

Among newspapers, *N.Y. Times* had the biggest crew (nine), including Robert Doty and Wallace Carroll.

Also covering were: *Baltimore Sun's* Paul Ward; *Boston Globe's* Laurence L. Winship; *Chicago Daily News's* William H. Stoneman and David M. Nichol; *Chicago Sun Times's* Frederick Kuh; *Chicago Tribune's* Walter Trohan and Arthur Veysey; *Christian Science Monitor's* Henry S. Hayward; *Detroit News's* Gerald Horst; Hearst Newspapers' *Serge Fliegers*; *Kansas City Star's* Marcel Wallenstein; *Los Angeles Times's* Waldo Drake; *Newark News's* Arthur Sylvester, *N.Y. Daily News's* Russ Braley and Bernard Valery;

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Periodicals

Periodicals included: *Reader's Digest*, *Andre Visson*; *Time*, *James Greenfield*, *John Mecklin*; *U.S. News & World Report*, *David Lawrence*, *John R. Fleming*, *Robert Kleiman*, *Joseph Fromm*, *Kurt Lachmann*, *John Law*.

Radio and TV: CBS, *Daniel Schorr*; Radio Press, Inc., *George Hamilton Combs*, *Vic Lusinchi*, *Bernard Kaplan* and this correspondent, also part of eight-man AFP team; Radio Free Europe, *Russell Hill* and *David Penn*; and *Peter Hahn*, *WJR News*, *Detroit*.

Andrew Berding, Ass't. Sec'y. of State for Public Affairs, usually gave U.S. briefings, aided by a battery of press officers including Lowell Bennett. The British had Peter Hope, the French Pierre Baraduc and Russians Kharlamov or Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin.

As if they didn't have enough troubles already, newsmen were made a target of an influx of what the weekly *Geneva Diplomat* referred to as "call girls from Zurich, Marseilles and Paris (not Geneva, of course). The weekly said, "Their main targets are not the diplomats, but the 1,500 journalists covering the meeting, most of whom are on expense accounts."

Air Facts



FIRST HUMANS TO FLY!

TWO FRENCHMEN WERE THE FIRST HUMAN PASSENGERS IN THE AIR. ON NOVEMBER 21, 1783, THE PILATRE DE ROZIER AND THE MARQUIS D'ARLANDES ROSE 300 FEET IN A LEMON-SHAPED BALLOON—USING BUNDLES OF STRAW FOR FUEL. THEY DRIFTED 5 MILES IN 20 MINUTES, THEN GLIDED GENTLY BACK TO EARTH.



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1958-59 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Following are further summaries of reports of 1958-59 OPC Committee activity made by chairmen at the Annual Meeting on April 28:

AWARDS

A record number of more than 250 entries for the ten classes of awards were submitted by newspapers, wire services, radio and TV networks, magazines and book publishers. The competition this year was keener than ever before and the decisions of your committee were arrived at after many hours of work and discussion.

Every one of the entries was a living example of news coverage in the highest traditions of American journalism and of the workings of the free mind in a free society.

Your committee was rendered invaluable assistance by *Henry La Cossitt, Dickson Jay Hartwell, Florence D. Laurence, William Knapp, Bruce Downes and Sylvan Barnett.*

William L. Laurence

BUDGET

The Club has been operating without a budget since April 1. We enclose a proposed budget for the forthcoming year for consideration by the Board of Governors.

Both the dining room and bar last year enjoyed a surprisingly fine volume of business.

The enclosed figures anticipate a small surplus in 1959-60 operations. With good operation and teamwork on the part of all members, the operating figures might be able to produce a surplus to replenish the money withdrawn from the Club's treasury to finance the building next door.

Dining room and bar business carry a great amount of Club expenses. The Committee feels that advertising in *The Overseas Press Bulletin* might maintain and even increase this business. Also, tasty foreign dishes might encourage more members to eat dinner in the dining room.

William S. Foster

BULLETIN

Our list of by-line stories from voluntary contributors from around the world — men "on the spot" for American wire services, newspapers, magazines, TV stations — is long and impressive.

To these men, as well as others who have written special articles for *The Bulletin*, go our special appreciation.

The Bulletin Committee this year took over a good solid product and tried to carry it along in the tradition that was established by past Bulletin Committee chairmen, notably *John Wilhelm*, who created *The Bulletin* in its present form.

I want to thank the members of the
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Bulletin Committee, especially Paul Grimes, Jim Quigley and Allyn Baum for special projects.

I wish also to thank this Board of Governors, who allotted to us \$8.00 per member per year as a subscription fee for *The Bulletin*. *The Bulletin* is now operating in the black. *Marshall Loeb*

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

The Committee carried out the following activities for the benefit of the membership and on a self-sustaining basis: junkets to West Point and Puerto Rico; four film previews; the formation and holding of meetings of the Stamp Club; reception and dinner for Peter Buckley and West Point Night.

Many of the activities resulted in publicity for the OPC and some brought profits to the OPC. *Joseph C. Peters*

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

The Committee fought for access to the news. Specific protests were registered in the following cases:

Formosa: invalidation of visa of Jim Robinson, NBC News.

Philippines: denial of visa renewal to Jim Bell, Time, Inc.

France: censorship.

Haiti: censorship.

U.S.: Restrictive regulations of U.S. State Dep't.

Iraq: Arrest of AP stringer.

Russia: Expulsion of Paul Niven, CBS, denial of visa to Daniel Schorr, CBS, closing of CBS Moscow bureau general censorship restrictions.

The Committee was also active in the Marie Torre case and recommended state legislation to protect news sources. It approved a Clubhouse plaque honoring Hungarian newsmen who lost their lives in the revolt of 1956.

And a project to publish a survey of world press conditions was put into the planning stage. *John F. Day*

HOSPITALITY

The Committee this year was responsible for all seatings in the dining room for events attended by 100 or more guests. The Committee also either produced or cooperated in the production of the Appreciation Night Party in November; OPC Members' Book Evening in November; New Members' Evening in December; Children's Christmas Party; Student Editors' Conference in March; and Puerto Rico Night in March.

Our last major function was the seating for the Castro luncheon. Special thanks must go to Dorothy Omansky and Franz Weissblatt. *Anita Diamant Berke*

(Further summaries will be carried in future issues of The Overseas Press Bulletin.)

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BELL TO AFRICA

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Time New York news bureau; in Korea; was chief of the Middle Eastern bureau in Beirut from March 1951 to February 1954; was sent to Bonn as bureau chief in 1954 and to Hongkong in 1956.

Oulahan joined the Time editorial staff in New York in 1947; was assigned to Washington as a correspondent in August 1948; was named a Time contributing editor in 1953 and an associate editor in 1954. He was sent to Mexico in April 1956.

Ernest V. Heyn, formerly with American Weekly, now editor-in-chief of Family Weekly and Suburbia Today.

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